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Detailed Description Text (293):

Many strains of *S. cerevisiae* have been isolated from high-ethanol environments, and have survived in the ethanol-rich environment by adaptive evolution. For example, strains from Sherry wine aging ("Flor" strains) have evolved highly functional mitochondria to enable their survival in a high-ethanol environment. It has been shown that transfer of these wine yeast mitochondria to other strains increases the recipient's resistance to high ethanol concentration, as well as thermotolerance (Jimenez, J. and Benitez, T (1988) Curr. Genet. 13: 461-469). There are several flor strains deposited in the ATCC, for example *S. cerevisiae* MY91 (ATCC 201301), MY138 (ATCC 201302), C5 (ATCC 201298), ET7 (ATCC 201299), LA6 (ATCC 201300), OSB21 (ATCC 201303), F23 (*S. globosus* ATCC 90920). Also, several flor strains of *S. uvarum* and *Torulaspora prelorieisis* have been deposited. Other ethanol-tolerant wine strains include *S. cerevisiae* ACA 174 (ATCC 60868), 15% ethanol, and *S. cerevisiae* A54 (ATCC 90921), isolated from wine containing 18% (v/v) ethanol, and NRCC 202036 (ATCC 46534), also a wine yeast. Other *S. cerevisiae* ethanologens that additionally exhibit enhanced ethanol tolerance include ATCC 24858, ATCC 24858, G 3706 (ATCC 42594), NRRL Y-265 (ATCC 60593), and ATCC 24845-ATCC 24860. A strain of *S. pastorianus* (*S. carlsbergensis* ATCC 2345) has high ethanol-tolerance (13% v/v). *S. cerevisiae* Sa28 (ATCC 26603), from Jamaican cane juice sample, produces high levels of alcohol from molasses, is sugar tolerant, and produces ethanol from wood acid hydrolyzate.

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In one aspect, organisms having increased ethanol tolerance are selected for. A population of natural *S. cerevisiae* isolates are mutagenized. This population is then grown under fermentor conditions under low initial ethanol concentrations. Once the culture has reached saturation, the culture is diluted into fresh medium having a slightly higher ethanol content. This process of successive dilution into medium of incrementally increasing ethanol concentration is continued until a threshold of ethanol tolerance is reached. The surviving mutant population having the highest ethanol tolerance are then pooled and their genomes recombined by any method noted herein. Enrichment could also be achieved by a continuous culture in a chemostat or turbidostat in which temperature or ethanol concentrations are progressively elevated. The resulting shuffled population are then exposed once again to the enrichment strategy but at a higher starting medium ethanol concentration. This strategy is optionally applied for the enrichment of thermotolerant cells and for the enrichment of cells having combined thermo- and ethanol tolerance.

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ABSTRACT:

The invention provides methods employing iterative cycles of recombination and selection/screening for evolution of whole cells and organisms toward acquisition of desired properties. Examples of such properties include enhanced recombinogenicity, genome copy number, and capacity for expression and/or secretion of proteins and secondary metabolites.

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Brief Summary Text (27):

The next step is to select or screen to isolate regenerated cells that have evolved toward acquisition of the desired property. DNA exchange and selection/screening steps are repeated, as needed, with regenerated cells in one cycle being used to form protoplasts in the next cycle until the regenerated cells have acquired the desired property. Industrial microorganisms are a preferred class of organisms for conducting the above methods. Some methods further comprise a step of selecting or screening for fused protoplasts free from unfused protoplasts of parental cells. Some methods further comprise a step of selecting or screening for fused protoplasts with hybrid genomes free from cells with parental genomes. In some methods, protoplasts are provided by treating individual cells, mycelia or spores with an enzyme that degrades cell walls. In some methods, the strain is a mutant that is lacking capacity for intact cell wall synthesis, and protoplasts form spontaneously. In some methods, protoplasts are formed by treating growing cells with an inhibitor of cell wall formation to generate protoplasts.

Detailed Description Text (246):

Another goal of shuffling yeast is to increase the tolerance of yeast to ethanol. Such is useful both for the commercial production of ethanol, and for the production of more alcoholic beers and wines. The yeast strain to be shuffled acquires genetic material by exchange or transformation with other strain(s) of yeast, which may or may not be known to have superior resistance to ethanol. The strain to be evolved is shuffled and shufflants are selected for capacity to survive exposure to ethanol. Increasing concentrations of ethanol can be used in successive rounds of shuffling. The same principles can be used to shuffle baking yeasts for improved osmotolerance.

Detailed Description Text (290):

S. cerevisiae is highly amenable to development for optimized SSF processes. It inherently possesses several traits for this use, including the ability to import and ferment a variety of sugars such as sucrose, glucose, galactose, maltose and maltotriose. Also, yeast has the capability to flocculate, enabling recovery of the yeast biomass at the end of a fermentation cycle, and allowing its re-use in subsequent bioprocesses. This is an important property in that it optimizes the use of nutrients in the growth medium. *S. cerevisiae* is also highly amenable to laboratory manipulation, has highly characterized genetics and possesses a sexual reproductive cycle. *S. cerevisiae* may be grown under either aerobic or anaerobic conditions, in contrast to some other potential SSF organisms that are strict anaerobes (e.g. *Clostridium* spp.), making them very difficult to handle in the laboratory. *S. cerevisiae* are also "generally regarded as safe" ("GRAS"), and, due to its widespread use for the production of important comestibles for the general public (e.g. beer, wine, bread, etc), is generally familiar and well known. *S. cerevisiae* is commonly used in fermentative processes, and the familiarity in its handling by fermentation experts eases the introduction of novel improved yeast strains into the industrial setting.

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Detailed Description Text (519):

Approximately 10.sup.9 S. coelicolor spores were inoculated into 50 ml YEME with 0.5% Glycine in a 250 ml baffled flask. The spores were incubated at 30.degree. C. for 36-40 hours in an orbital shaker. Mycelium were verified using a microscope. Some strains needed an additional day of growth. The culture was transferred into a 50 ml tube and centrifuged at 4,000 rpm for 10 min. The mycelium were twice washed with 10.3% sucrose and centrifuged at 4,000 rpm for 10 min. (mycelium can be stored at -80.degree. C. after wash). 5 ml of lysozyme was added to the .about.0.5 g of mycelium pellet. The pellet was suspended and incubated at 30.degree. C. for 20-60 min., with gentle shaking every 10 min. The microscope was checked for protoplasting every 20 min. Once the majority were protoplasts, protoplasting was stopped by adding 10 ml of P buffer. The protoplasts were filtered through cotton and the protoplast spun down at 3,000 rpm for 7 min at room temperature. The supernatant was discarded and the protoplast gently resuspended, adding a suitable amount of P buffer according to the pellet size (usually about 500 .mu.l). Ten-fold serial dilutions were made in P buffer, and the protoplasts counted at a 10.sup.-2 dilution. Protoplasts were adjusted to 10.sup.10 protoplasts per ml.

Detailed Description Text (560):

To assay, 50 .mu.L of supernatant is added to 100 .mu.L of distilled water in a 96 well polypropylene microtitre plate, and the plate is centrifuged at 4000 rpm to pellet the mycelia. 50 .mu.L of the cleared supernatant is then removed and added to a flat bottom polystyrene 96 well microtitre plate containing 150 .mu.L 1M KOH in each well. The resulting plates are then read in a microtitre plate reader measuring the absorbance at 654 nm of the individual samples as a measure of the content .gamma.-actinorhodin.

Detailed Description Text (567):

Approximately 10.sup.9 protoplasts were centrifuged at 3,000 rpm for 7 min. When more than one strain was used, equal number of protoplasts were obtained from each strain. Most of the buffer was removed and the pellet suspended in the remaining buffer (.about.25 .mu.l total volume) by gentle flicking. 0.5 ml of 50% PEG1000 was added and mixed with the protoplasts by gently pipetting in and out 2 times. The mixture was then incubated for 2 minutes. 0.5 ml of P buffer was added and gently mixed. (This is the fusion at a dilution of 10.sup.-1). A ten-fold serial dilution was performed in P buffer. After 2 minutes, dilutions were plated at 10.sup.-1, 10.sup.-2 and 10.sup.-3 onto R5 plates with 50 .mu.l of each, 2.sup.-3 plates each dilution. (for plating, -20 of 3 mm glass beads were used, gentle shaking). As a first control, for regeneration of protoplasts, the same number of protoplasts were used as above, adding P buffer to a total of 1 ml (this is the regeneration at dilution 10.sup.-1). The mixture was further diluted (10.times.) in P buffer. The dilutions were plated at 10.sup.-3, 10.sup.-4 and 10.sup.-5 onto R5 plates with 50 .mu.l of each. As a second control, (as a non-protoplasting mycelia background check) the same number of protoplasts as above were used adding 0.1% SDS to a total of 1 ml (this is the background at dilution 10.sup.-1). After further 10.times. dilution in 0.1% SDS, the dilution was plated at 10.sup.-1, 10.sup.-2 and 10.sup.-3 onto R5 plates with 50 .mu.l of each. The plates were air dried and Incubated at 30.degree. C. for 3 days.

CLAIMS:

8. The method of claim 1, further comprising selecting or screening to isolate regenerated cells with hybrid genomes free from cells with parental genomes.

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